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BICYCLE STEM FOR ENLARGED HANDLEBAR PORTIONS AND ASSOCIATED METHODS

Abstract of the Disclosure

bicycle stem may include a body portion and a handlebar clamping portion connected thereto, and a handlebar clamping member cooperating with the 5 handlebar clamping portion to clamp the bicycle handlebar. The handlebar clamping member and the handlebar clamping portion may each have a cavity in a respective medial portion thereof to accommodate an enlarged diameter portion of the handlebar. 10 handlebar clamping member may have a generally rectangular shape with a recess therein defining with the cavity a pair of spaced apart contact areas for contacting the handlebar. The handlebar clamping member may also be completely removable from the 15 handlebar clamping portion in some embodiments, to facilitate installation of the handlebar. handlebar clamping portion may also have a recess therein defining with the cavity a pair of spaced apart contact areas for contacting the handlebar. 20 portion may also have a tubular shape with a hollow interior, and the cavity of the handlebar clamping portion may have an opening therein in communication with the hollow interior of the body portion.